(a) whether there is any scheme to improve the track between Mysore-Arasikere to make it fit for running high speed trains and to dieselise the trains running on it; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There is no scheme to run high speed trains between Mysore and Arasikere. The track is however, fit for the present level of traffic and speed, with diesel traction.

U. K. Assistance for Development of Western Ghats

3430 SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved a scheme for the development of the Western Ghats with the assistance of the United Kingdom;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance to be provided by the U.K.;

(c) the places covered under the proposed scheme; and

(d) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) A project titled Western Ghats Forestry an Environmental Project has been received from the Karnataka State Government, which has been appraised by the Overseas Development Administration (U.K) The final agreement has not been executed. However, the pre-project activities have been approved.

(b) The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 105 crores to be provided as grant by the Overseas Development Administration (U.K.).

(c) In the first phase of the project, five Forestry Divisions of the Uttara Kanara Forest Circle of Karnataka will be covered. Additional areas may be taken up after the implementation of the project is reviewed at the end of three years.

(d) The implementation of the project on full scale will be taken up after the formal agreement is executed with the Overseas Development Administration (U.K.).

Education for Disabled Children

3431. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provide grants for integrated education to the disabled children; and

(b) if so, the allocation thereof, Statewise during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for the Disabled Children, financial assistance is given to the State Government Union Territories and voluntary Organisations for the implementation of the Scheme.

(b) A statement is annexed indicating the grants released to the State Governments/Union Territories during 1991-92.

STATEMENT

	Name of the State/ Union Territories	*Grant released during 1991-92 under I.E.D.C. Scheme*
	1	2
1.	Gujarat	Rs. 34,50,180/–
2.	Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 7,20,900/–
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	Rs. 16,22400/-
4.	Karnataka	Rs. 45, 27, 850/–
5.	Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 2,17,390/–
6.	Mizoram	Rs. 31,72,305/–
7.	Nagaland	Rs. 10,79,260/–
8.	Orissa	Rs. 22,46,760/–
9.	Punjab	Rs. 12,00,000/–
10.	Rajasthan	Rs. 71,13,450/–
11.	Tamil Nadu	Rs. 9,90, 000/–
12.	Andaman & Nicobar	Rs. 16,07,500/–
13.	Daman & Diu	Rs. 52,750/–
14.	Delhi	Rs. 16,14,290/–
15.	Manipur	Rs. 3,97,500/–